THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Cheif Minister of Delhi has requested for reconsideration of the decision to adopt Broad Gauge for Delhi MRTS.

(b) The request was examined and a conscious decision was taken not to re-open the issue since the type of gauge had been decided after thorogh examination by Govt.

(c) No, Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise, in view of the reply to (b) above.

Completion of Metro Rail service between Shadadra and Tis Hazari

†2270. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for delay in construction of Metro Rail Service between Shahadra and Tis Hazari ;

(b) whether it is a fact that completion schedule has been changed from March, 2002 to October, 2002 :

(c) if so, whether the completion work will be completed according to new completion schedule positively ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Civil works of Shahadra-Tis Hazari section are expected to be completed by March, 2002. However, the section cannot be commissioned for passenger traffic by March, 2002 as rolling stock would not be available by this date.

(b) Commissioning schedule of Shahadra-Tis Hazari section has been extended from March, 2002 to December, 2002.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The work is expected to be completed according to the new completion schedule.

Allocation of funds for slum development in Karnataka

2271. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount allocated to the State of Karnataka for the development of slums under various schemes since 1998, till date;

(b) whether the State of Karnataka utilized the amount fully; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken for its utilization ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) Slum development is a State subject and the State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various cities as per their priorities and make necessary provisions therefor in their respective State Plans. However with a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the slums a programme known as National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched at the National level by the Government in August, 1996 to provide Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States for the development of urban slums. The details of funds released in the form of ACA under the programme to the Government of Karnataka since 1998-99 till date are as under:-

Sl. No.	Year	Funds Allocated (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	1998-99	2112.32
2.	1999-2000	2174.00
3.	2000-2001	2174.00
4.	2001-2002 (Upto Sept., 2001)	1087.00

As informed by the State Government the funds released since 1998-99 till 2000-2001 have been fully utilised but they have submitted Utilisation Certificates for the amount released upto September, 2000. The State